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PCT– Application Part OR Amendment OR Application Part	Specification	The written description of the invention.	SPEC		SPEC_sd
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The following documents are a part of the international application and must, where applicable, be filed with the initial application papers

- Abstract
- Drawings
- Sequence Listing part of the description (when required)
 - May be filed as a .TXT file or a .PDF file; however if filed as a PDF, you must also submit a .TXT file to comply with PCT Rule 13ter.
 - If attaching a .TXT file, use “Sequence Listing (Text File)” as Document Description
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- Tables related to sequence listing
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PCT– Application Part OR Amendment OR Application Part	Abstract	A brief overview of the technical disclosure in the specification not exceeding 150 words in length.	ABST		ABST_sd
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PCT– Application Part OR Amendment OR Application Part	Specification	The written description of the invention.	SPEC		SPEC_sd
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- Transmittal Letter (Preferably PTO-1382)
- Fee Calculation Sheet
- Sequence Listing Cover Letter and/or Statement
- Power of Attorney or General Power of Attorney
- PCT Safe Validation Log
- Reference to deposited microorganisms or biological material
- Misc. Incoming Letter from Applicant – IA

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PCT – Application Part OR PCT – General Transmittal	RO/101 Annex (fee calculation sheet)	New international applications are accompanied by a form authored by the applicant showing how much money is due and for which fees.	P.N.101.ANX	PCT/RO/101	
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